



# Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

**Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary**

May 22, 2020



# Deputy Secretary's Agenda

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- Opening Remarks
- DDA Regional Office Update
- Kenneth A Feder, PhD, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Questions

# Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

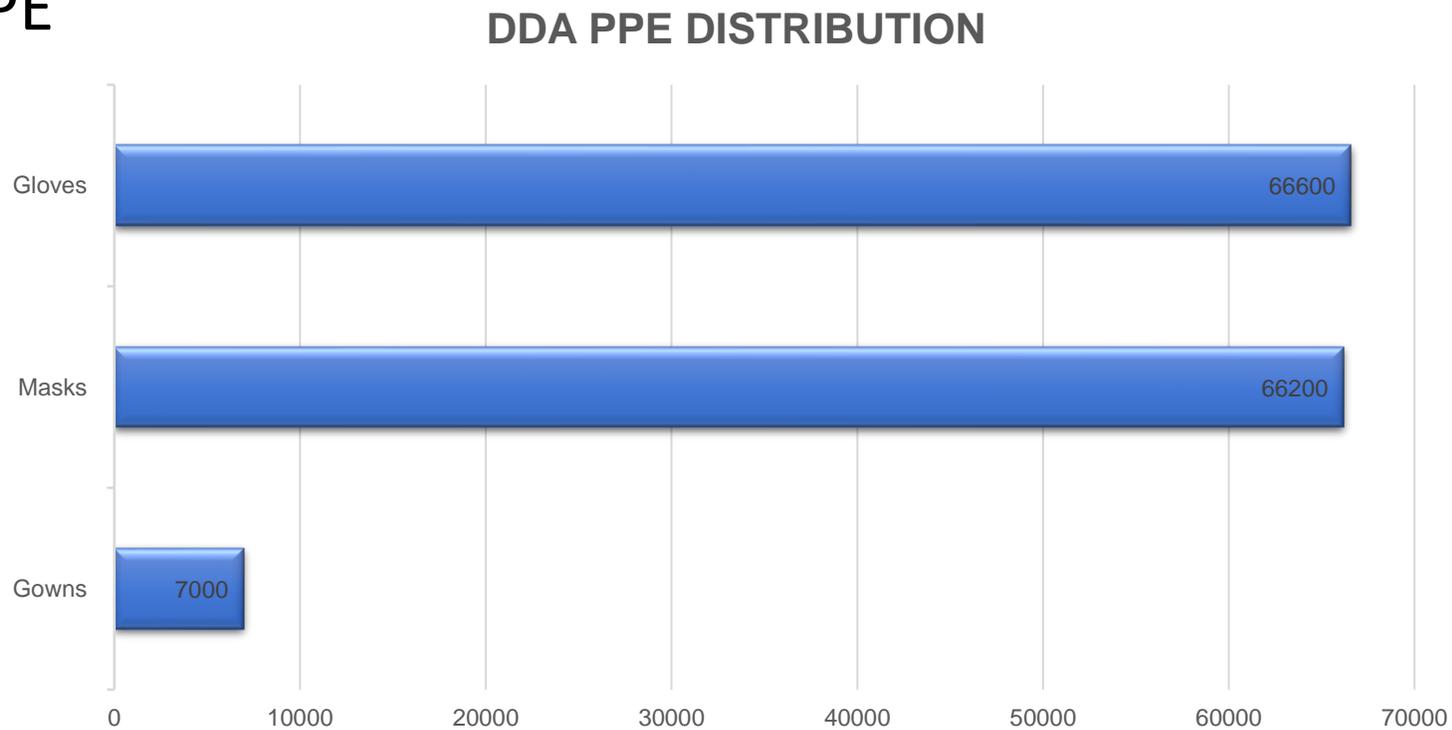
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- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- This past Tuesday we hosted a webcast to provide additional information on self-directed services Appendix K provisions and received additional questions that we will be posting on DDA's website next week

# Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The DDA continues to work with providers, people in self-directed services and microboards on the distribution of our third round of PPE



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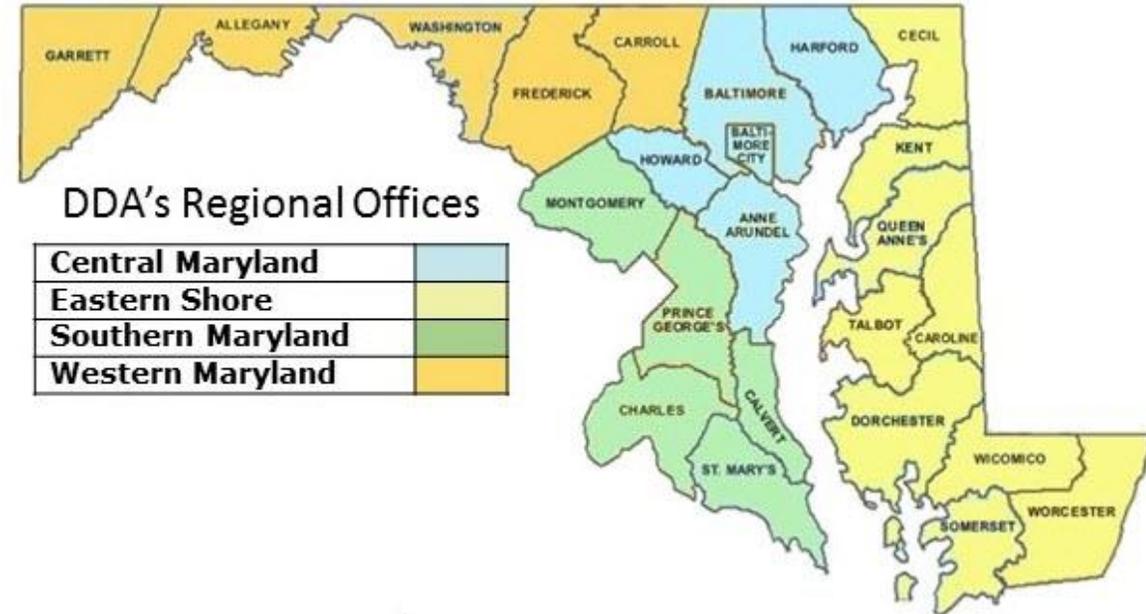
- **Recovery Plan**

- The DDA is also working with other state directors from the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) on Re-Opening Day Services “Guiding Principles” in four major themes:
  1. Day Services- prevocational, employment and transportation
  2. Financial Considerations
  3. Health and Safety Strategies
  4. “Sun Rise” Phase- Introducing New Possibilities

# Regional Updates

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# Appendix K Update

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## [DDA Appendix K Frequently Asked Questions May 19, 2020](#)

Assistive Technology	Go Teams	Residential Services
Background Checks	Incident Reporting	Retainer Payments
BSS and Nursing Access	Local Health Dept	Self-Directed Services
Billing	Meaningful Day Services	Staff Eligibility
Increase Rate	PPE	Testing

# The DDA Commitment

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- We will continue to share information and resources
- We will continue to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the people you support, their families, and staff
- We will help Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive
- We will continue to keep you updated



# **Preventing Outbreaks of COVID-19 in Group Homes for Persons with Developmental Disabilities**

**Kenneth Feder, PhD**

**CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer**

**MDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau**

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# Questions

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